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MOTT-SMITH IS LEAVING \$6,000 JOB

Chairman of Public Utilities
Commission Retires Entirely
on March 31st

RESIGNATION VOLUNTARY;
HIS REASONS ARE GIVEN

Thinks Technical Man Should
Handle Work and Governor
Be Free to Reorganize

Ernest A. Mott-Smith, chairman of the public utilities commission, will retire from the chairmanship and the commission on March 31.

His formal resignation was handed to Governor Pinkham this morning. It was given after conferring at some length with the governor, and is entirely voluntary. While Governor Pinkham would not discuss the matter at length this morning, it may be stated that the first intimation that Mr. Mott-Smith was to resign came as news to the chief executive of the territory.

No successor has been selected so far as is known. Mr. Mott-Smith is considering a vacation trip to Japan, as a member of the Hawaiian excursion party which leaves on March 27, and if he goes he will be the official representative of the Chamber of Commerce. However, the expectation of a trip to Japan has nothing to do with the resignation from the commission.

The two principal reasons given by Mr. Mott-Smith for his action are: first, that the time has come when a technically-equipped man should be at the head of the public utilities commission, and second, that by his retirement he leaves the new executive of the territory perfectly free to reorganize the commission as he sees fit.

The position carries a salary of \$6,000 a year. The chairman of the commission, under the law passed by the last legislature, is the head and front of the body, the only member paid a full salary, and upon him devolves the virtual control and operation of the commission.

Mr. Mott-Smith is the first chairman of the commission, which was created by act of the legislature of 1913 and which has been in existence some eight months. He has been busy since its inception in organizing the work and laying the plans for the future.

"I feel that the time has come when a man technically equipped to handle the control and investigation of public service corporations should be chairman," he said this morning, discussing frankly his action in resigning. "So far as laying out the broad plans, in whipping into shape the legal phases of our work, that is all accomplished. The technical end is now the important end for the next move is to undertake the technical work of investigation, which, indeed, is partly started."

"I wish also to leave Governor Pinkham's hands entirely free. The commission was organized, of course, prior to his becoming the executive of this territory. I feel that it bears such important relations to the territorial government that the governor should be able to have its organization in his hands. I feel that he believes in the usefulness of the commission and that under his administration it will have the maximum of support."

"Having resigned as secretary of the territory I have felt for some time past that I'd like to lay down the duties of public office altogether. I have been in office a long time and for some personal reasons, in addition to those I have mentioned, I feel that I should no longer continue."

Mr. Mott-Smith plans to re-enter the practice of law upon his return from Japan and after an extended rest.

His letter of resignation is as follows:

Honolulu, T. H., March 19, 1914.

"Honorable L. E. Pinkham, Governor of Hawaii,
Honolulu, T. H.

"Sir:

"I hereby tender my resignation as chairman and member of the public utilities commission of Hawaii to become effective on March 31, 1914.

"Yours respectfully,
(Signed) "E. A. MOTT-SMITH."

SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 18.—Sugar: 96 degrees test, 2.98 cents. Previous quotation, 2.965 cents.

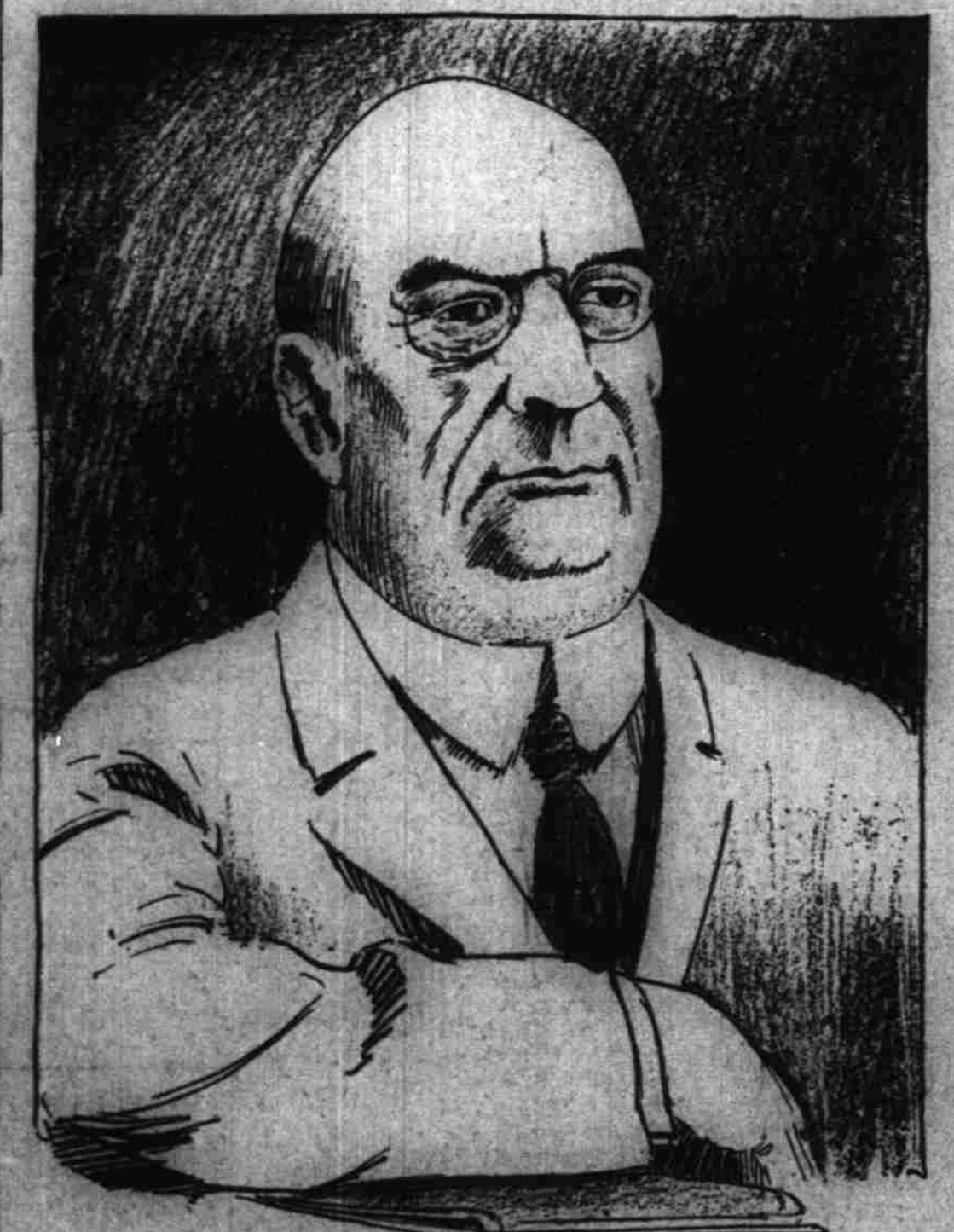
The list of conventions to meet in San Francisco during the progress of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition now totals 212, the vast convention formally booked being the National Optical Association. One convention a day for the past week is the rate at which fraternal bodies, commercial and industrial organizations, and learned societies have signified their intentions of meeting in San Francisco during the exposition.

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DICK CORROBORATES PUAHI SAYS MARSHALL BELLIGERENT



W. C. McKean, prominent attorney of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, whose long friendship with the family induced him to volunteer his services as legal counsel for John William Marshall, in the fight for the latter's life here. He prepared Marshall's defense and is acting as advisory counsel to Attorney F. E. Thompson in the present trial.

Husband of Proprietress of Hula Joint Contradicts Himself Under Cross Examination by Attorney Thompson

Two distinct features developed in the murder trial of John W. Marshall in Circuit Judge Robertson's court today: one, consisted of apparently contradictory statements on cross examination and re-direct examination by Moses Puahi concerning Marshall's threat to get a gun; the other, the testimony of W. R. Dick, one of Guertler's companions on the night of the shooting, partly corroborating Puahi's story and tending to show that Marshall was the belligerent party throughout, with the Guertler party seeking to serve as pacifiers.

As told in the Star-Bulletin yesterday Moses Puahi stated on the witness stand that about half an hour before the shooting occurred and while the men were outside the hula house, he heard Marshall say something, the only word of which he, Puahi, caught was "gun." A moment later Puahi altered his statement saying he heard Marshall say: "I am going to get my gun."

THOMPSON TO BE MCCARN'S AID, LATEST REPORT

U. S. District Attorney and His
Former Assistant at Outs,
Is Now the Rumor

J. W. Thompson, recently arrived here from Nashville, Tenn., will become assistant United States district attorney, under District Attorney Jeff McCarn, as soon as his appointment can be made by Attorney-general McReynolds in Washington.

This is, of course, contingent upon Mr. Thompson's being satisfactory to the attorney-general, to judges of the district court, and that Attorney A. S. Humphreys is willing, says Mr. McCarn.

It is evident that the supposed disqualification which the district attorney believed would prevent Mr. Thompson becoming his assistant, has been removed through a new interpretation of the law on the matter of residence in the territory. Asked about the matter again this morning Mr. McCarn said:

"Unless Mr. Thompson is unsatisfactory to the attorney-general, or to the judges of the district court, or objection is raised by Mr. Humphreys, for whom he came here under contract, Mr. Thompson will become assistant district attorney as soon as he can be appointed from Washington."

"Mr. Thompson does not have to establish a residence in the territory other than he has done already. There is nothing in the federal statutes that require any specific time to be spent in the territory before a man may become a resident. Mr. Thompson might have become a resident the first day he landed here, and he cer-

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'UGLY COMMENTS' ARE REPLIED TO BY W. R. CASTLE

Points Out That R.W. Shingle's
Trip to Washington Is for
Mahuka Site First

The Star-Bulletin has received the following letter:

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir:—The Advertiser is regarded as an able paper. This is probably true. But, like some very able men, it is so obsessed, first, with a sense of its own greatness, and second, with an absolute blindness in case its prejudices or predilections go the other way, that it cannot get a thing straight. It published my letter with regard to the Mahuka site, with some ugly comments. I do not like to appear before the public too frequently, but certainly the insinuations and charges of the Advertiser now demand some notice, and I would like to reiterate what I have said:

Mr. Robert Shingle was gone to Washington to see what can be done to get the United States to carry out the original proposition, which the Waterhouse Trust Company and a large number of others in Honolulu, including really all the practical business men in the place, believe is the proper one, that is, to have the original Mahuka site used and a building erected there at once, if it is found impossible to go ahead with the Fort street condemnations. Mr. Shingle will work for this honestly, as he has always done, and those who originally supported the Mahuka site and trusted the Waterhouse Trust Company may continue that trust and confidence, for the Waterhouse Trust

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MASSMEETING TO 'TALK SITE' NOW IS A SUGGESTION

Heads of Commercial Bodies
Confer—Merchants' Meeting
Yesterday Urges Action

CABLEGRAMS SHOW
WASHINGTON STATUS

Secretary McAdoo May Decide
Federal Building Location
Next Week

Plans were discussed this morning by President George Carter of the Chamber of Commerce and President W. R. Farrington of the Merchants' Association for a massmeeting to discuss the much-discussed but uncompleted question of a federal building site.

Cabled news from Washington yesterday that the treasury department officials are to hold a series of hearings on the Mahuka site and possible substitutes operated at once to reopen the question, at least so far as Washington is concerned. Whether it is to be reopened here, whether a change is to be made from the Mahuka site, is something the leaders of the commercial bodies talked over this morning, together with plans for securing a joint expression of opinion from the two organizations.

A massmeeting may be held early next week, possibly on Monday.

Suggestions have been made that the commercial bodies ask all interested citizens to attend and hear the discussion.

Another suggestion is that the newspapers print blank ballots on which the people in general may express their views.

The directors of the Merchants' Association held a meeting yesterday afternoon at which the federal building site was uppermost in discussion. Following are cablegrams bearing directly on the new developments:

Washington, D. C., March 17.

Farrington, Honolulu.

McCarn reports condemnation awards too high. May affect Mahuka site. What is your opinion.

KALANIANA'OLE.

Honolulu, Hawaii, Mar. 17.

Kalaniana'ole, Washington.

Believe government Mahuka Site plan should in good faith be carried out. I do not question awards under court condemnation but can understand McCarn's conclusion when he now finds competing sites offered prices within appropriation.

FARRINGTON.

Washington, D. C., March 17.

Farrington, Honolulu.

Secretary McAdoo may decide federal site next week. Urge cabling him your views.

KALANIANA'OLE.

The exchange during the last two days of the foregoing cablegrams between Wallace R. Farrington, president of the Honolulu Merchants' Association, and Jonah K. Kalaniana'ole, delegate to congress, regarding the site for Hawaii's federal building, formed the basis of considerable discussion at a meeting yesterday afternoon of the directors of the Merchants' Association. In response to

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'OLD FAITHFUL' RICHEST IN FIRE SINCE NOVEMBER

[Special Star-Bulletin Wireless]

HILO, Hawaii, March 19.—H. O. Wood, associate observer at the technology station observatory on Kilauea, announces that the volcano fire is the best and brightest since November of last year. According to Prof. Wood, "Old Faithful" has gradually become more active during the past few weeks, until reaching its present glow. Reports from visiting tourists are to the effect that there is a loud blowing noise and continual rumbling and that after nightfall the view of the glowing lava is splendid.

SCIENTISTS PLAN TRIP TO HONOLULU IN 1915

A meeting of the members of the Hawaiian division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science has been called at the University Club tomorrow, Friday, afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. All members of the association are expected to be present.

This meeting has been called following the receipt of communications from members of the Pacific coast division of the organization, proposing an excursion to Hawaii in 1915, following the big meeting of the national organization in San Francisco.

It is expected that plans will be outlined at tomorrow's meeting for the inauguration of the excursion and for the entertainment of the visiting scientists.

BRIEF CEREMONY AS NEW JUSTICE TAKES THE OATH

Edward Minor Watson Succeeds John T. DeBolt on
Supreme Bench

HINT OF POLITICS GETS
INTO SHORT SPEECHES

Tributes Paid Both New and
Retiring Jurists—Legal Fraternity Out in Force

Edward Minor Watson was formally inducted into office as associate justice of the supreme court of Hawaii with brief but impressive ceremony in the court-room at 10 o'clock this morning.

The formal ceremony of taking the oath ended the official observance, but unofficially considerable interest was given the occasion, by several talks from prominent members of the bar. And in one of these talks Judge A. A. Wilder brought to the fore a hint of Democratic politics that evoked instant response from President F. E. Thompson of the Bar Association and Attorney D. L. Withington.

Judge Wilder hinted that though the Bar Association disclaims paying attention to politics, still it is significant that in the 12 years from 1900 to 1912 no Democrat was inducted by the Association for the bench. President Thompson denied any partisan feeling on the part of the Bar Association and Mr. Withington differed with Judge Wilder, stating that in one instance, and he believed, in two instances, during the period named Democrats had been inducted.

Many At Ceremony.

The supreme court room was filled to capacity by the legal fraternity and friends and well-wishers of both the new and retiring justice when the time came for taking the oath. Mrs. Watson and their little daughter, Virginia Watson, were present and several other ladies. The court was called to order and the three justices, Robertson, Perry and DeBolt, entered in their judicial robes, with Mr. Watson accompanying them, also robed. The audience rose as they entered and remained standing until they were seated.

Then Chief Justice Robertson administered the oath, the written form of which was signed first by the new justice and that by Judge Robertson. The oath is as follows:

"I, Edward Minor Watson, do solemnly swear that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and to the rich, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all duties incumbent on me as associate justice of the supreme court of the territory of Hawaii, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the constitution and laws of the United States; and that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

(Signed) "E. M. WATSON."

"Subscribed and sworn to before me, this nineteenth day of March, A. D. 1914.

(Signed) A. G. M. ROBERTSON,
(Seal) Chief Justice, Supreme Court,
Territory of Hawaii."

Justice DeBolt Retires.

Justice Watson then rose from his chair below and to the left of the

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AUTOMOBILE WITH TWO OCCUPANTS GOES OVER PALI

Driver Escapes Death by Leap-
ing from Machine as It
Nears Cliff's Edge

Shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon an automobile carrying three passengers, was precipitated over the Nuuanu Pali, the driver of the machine making a splendid leap at the edge of the cliff and escaping death in the plunge over the precipice. The two occupants of the car, who continued the journey to destruction, were men of straw, having been securely fastened into the machine by Henry McLean, who is taking a series of thrilling motion-picture scenes for the islands. The automobile, a composite car assembled in the scrap-iron yard of C. H. Brown, will never again be used for travel, having been completely wrecked in its fall.

According to Mr. McLean and eyewitnesses, the affair was a great success from a "movie" standpoint, and will cause many a thrill when shown around the world.

SENATOR JONES PUBLICLY RETRACTS UGLY CHARGE OF WILSON IN SECRET TRADE

Washington Solon, Who Yesterday Intimated That U. S. Yielded on Panama Canal Tolls Controversy to Keep the Powers Out of Mexican Affairs, Admits His Statements Have No Basis — Says Newspapers Misled Him — Sees Wilson and Takes It Back — Pennsylvania Congressman Thinks War Is Sure to Come

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 19.—Senator Wesley L. Jones of Washington, who yesterday intimated that the administration is yielding on the Panama canal tolls question in order, by a trade, to keep the European Powers from insisting on intervening in Mexican affairs, publicly retracted today the ugly charges he voiced yesterday.

His retraction came after he had seen President Wilson and talked with him. Senator Jones says that his charges had no basis in facts, and that he was misled by newspaper reports. The president informed him that the Panama canal tolls message was written before Mr. Wilson saw Sir Lionel Carden, who later declined to make any suggestions as to what American policy in Mexico should be.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 19.—Representative Willis J. Hulings of Pennsylvania took the floor of the house in the course of a vigorous discussion of the Mexican situation today and declared that although intervention, to his mind, means war of exhaustion between the United States and Mexico, "I believe that the time must come, if it has not already arrived, when it will be this government's duty to announce that present conditions in Mexico must end and the United States will undertake to restore peace and order."

His remarks created a strong impression.

Huntington Buys \$1,500,000 Library from British Duke

LONDON, Eng., Mar. 19.—Henry Huntington, the Los Angeles traction magnate, has purchased the library of the Duke of Devonshire, valued at \$1,500,000. This magnificent library includes many rare and almost priceless manuscripts, prominent among which are 25 Caxtons and four Shakespeare folios.

Sacramento Unemployed Are Quiet and Police Puzzled

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 19.—The army of unemployed, now camped in safety on the tract of land purchased for them through the kind offices of a Socialistic sympathizer, are remaining very quiet thus causing the police department to worry; the latter figuring that the quiet is the "calm before the storm."

Censorship Continues, With Rumors of Fighting Near

JUAREZ, Mex., Mar. 19.—A strict censorship against all news going out of this section of Mexico continues. Rumors are rife that General Carranza, with 12,000 men, is marching against Mazatlan, while Villa is investing Torreon. No serious engagements are believed to have occurred up to the present time.

Carson's Home Rule Proposal Frigidly Received by Asquith

LONDON, Eng., Mar. 19.—Sir Edwin Carson, leader of the Ulsterites, today made a public statement that Ulster will accept Irish home rule legislation if the government will take a referendum vote of the entire kingdom.

Premier Asquith received the proposal frigidly, replying that the government can only acknowledge the proposal as noted.

Woman's Suffrage Amendment Beaten by One Senate Vote

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—One vote in the senate today defeated Senator Ashurst's resolution for an amendment to the constitution providing for suffrage for women. The vote was 35 to 34 against adoption of the resolution.

Senator Vandaman's resolution of amendment, disfranchising the negroes and enfranchising women, was defeated by a large vote, 45 to 15.

No Deaths in Milwaukee Fire

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 19.—No deaths occurred in the Windsor hotel fire here early this morning. Though most of the guests were asleep when the fire broke out, all the occupants succeeded in making their escape. The loss is considerable.

96,000 Unemployed in New York

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 19.—A census taken by the police of this city shows that there is an army of 96,000 men here.

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SUPERVISORS CONFER WITH GOVERNOR FOR CITY BUILDING SITES

Members of the board of supervisors and Mayor J. J. Fern are in conference this afternoon with Governor Pinkham, laying before him their proposition to have three pieces of territorial property set aside for the use of the city and county. Two pieces of downtown property are asked, one for the site of a municipal building, the other for an emergency hospital. The third piece of land desired is for a city and county cemetery where indigent dead may be buried.

The supervisors are suggesting that the territorial property next to the postoffice, known as the Honolulu Hale, be turned over to them. This they say they can trade with the Bishop estate for the lot next to the building of the Hawaiian Electric Company, known as Palace Square lot.

FEDERAL BUILDING SITE TO BE DISCUSSED MONDAY BY COMMERCIAL BODIES

A joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association will be held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the main parlors of the Young Hotel, at which time the federal building site will be discussed.

They wish the emergency hospital site to be as near the postoffice as possible, but no particular place as has been agreed upon by them. They wish the cemetery located at the outskirts of the city.

Supervisor Weller presented the governor with a petition, bearing the names of about 400 voters. This petition favors the three proposed projects.